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SUBJ: OFFICIAL JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT
ON ISRAELI ARREST OF BISHOP HILARION CAPUCCI

JORDANIAN PRESS REPORTED THAT JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AUGUST
21 QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT VIEWS WITH GREAT CONCERN
THE ARREST BY ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES
OF BISHOP HILARION CAPUCCI, CLERIC OF THE GREEK
CATHOLICS IN JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK. ON THE BASIS
OF...PAST EXPERIENCE WITH THE REPRESSIVE MEASURES EXER-
CISED BY THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE
IN THE OCCUPIED LANDS, AND THE STATEMENTS ISSUED BY THE
AUTHORITIES, THE GOVERNMENT (OF JORDAN) HAS CONCLUDED
THAT THE ARREST OF BISHOP CAPUCCI WAS A PREMEDITATED
ACT BASED ON A FALSE ACCUSATION WHOSE AIM
WAS HIS ELIMINATION. SINCE HE IS ONE OF THE MORE
PROMINENT MEN OF RELIGION SOLIDLY OPPOSING THE
OCCUPATION) DESIGNED TO END HIS ACTIVITIES FOR
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PEACE IN WORLD CHRISTIAN CIRCLES. JUST AS THE

OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES HAVE ARRESTED BISHIP
CAPUCCI, THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED AND PER-
SECUTED OTHER CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM MEN OF RELIGION
WHO SINCE 1967 HAVE OPPOSED ISRAELI OCCUPATION AND SCHEMES...
AIMING AT HEBRAIZING AND DEPOPULATING ARAB JERUSALEM.
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